

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending.

The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies in order to reduce the filing fee and new claims 5 and 6 have been added.

In view of the foregoing, early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Parkhurst", written in a cursive style.

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